

The Gospel According to Matthew

(Names of the Most High) pt 3

Read again Matt.1:18-25

In our last study, our consideration of the text in Matt. 1:18-25, was the Mystery of Godliness, God was manifest in the flesh, we considered the old testament name of “**Emanuel**” which is interpreted “**God with us**”. Tonight let us consider the name the Holy Spirit told Mary’s husband Joseph, to call this one for whom was conceived of the Holy Ghost!

“and thou shalt call his name JESUS”

This Greek name is a derivative of an old testament Hebrew Name; “*Jehoshua*”, or “*yeh-ho-shoo'-ah, yeh-ho-shoo'-ah*”, *Jehovah-saved*. In my bible there is an indicator letter above the first letter of “Jesus” and in the margin is a basic meaning of that word, it indicates “savior” which goes right in line with what our text say’s next;

“for he shall save his people from their sins”.

What a wonderful name for the one who “Shall save His people” Savior, Deliverer, Jesus the Christ!

As we saw last week in Matt. 16, Peter calls Him “**Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God**” The name Christ is *khris-tos' meaning anointed*, that is, the *Messiah*. And as the Son of God, He would not think it robbery to be equal to with God the Father, for all power is His to wield, therefore this one who would be the Messiah, the Deliverer, with the power of God is Able to do exactly that, Save His people from their sins!

(Heb 7:22-27) By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament. And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death: But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. For such a high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself.

To a true God revealed sinner, this is good news indeed, all that God requires of me to cover my sin, has been provided for me, in my Substitute, my Messiah, my Deliverer, my Jesus!

There are a few other names God uses to describe this Jesus! in Mathew chapter 1 He is described as the one prophesied of in the old testament, the one whom is **“God with us”**, and the one who **“shall save”** God’s chosen people!

In Isaiah 9:6-7 we read; **“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.**

“the government shall be upon his shoulder” the name that sums this up best is Lord!

(Act 2:22-24) Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it... (Act 2:36) Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

The word is; *koo'-ree-os* (*supremacy*); *supreme* in authority, that is, (as noun) *controller*; - God, Lord, master. The government, the rule, the authority, is on Him, on His shoulders!

John Gill wrote; "not only of the world in general, but of the church in particular; this child is born to royal dignity; he is King of saints; his government consists in ruling in the hearts of his people, in enacting laws for them, and causing them to submit unto them, in subduing their enemies, in protecting them, their persons and properties, rights and liberties, and in supplying them with everything necessary; and this government is delegated to him from his Father, is devolved upon him by him, is not of this world, but is spiritual; it is righteously administered, is peaceable, and will continue for ever: and its being said to be "upon his shoulder" is an allusion to magistrates having a key or rod laid on their shoulders, as ensigns of their office, or carried by their officers for them, see Isa 9:4 and it shows that it was laid upon him, or enjoined him by his father, though not against his will; and it denotes a weight of honour and care bore by him, whose shoulders are fit for the same, and equal to it; and that he is the prop and support of his church and people, who are safe under his government and protection":

As I consider this statement of the Government being on His shoulders, the verses in Romans 8 come to mind!

(Rom 8:28-34) And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. How could they Not? The one whom Governs all that is, is working it for us!

For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

That's my Governor, that's my Lord, that's my God!

(Joh 5:18-24) Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God. Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel. For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will. For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

Next we read from Isaiah chapter 9:6; **“his name shall be called Wonderful”** when I think of God's Grace in saving a wretch like me, could there be any better name for my Lord! there is no other name I could give more praise too than to the name of my savior!

I know my love for Him is because He first Loved me! if not for His love I would still be lost in the darkness I loved, running from Him, running strait to my own destruction! Dead in trespasses and sin! Oh the praise in my heart for this Wonderful Savior, Oh the praise in my heart for the Wonderful, precious Blood He shed on my behalf, in my stead, on that Cross so long ago! Oh the praise in my heart for His wonderful comfort He sends me through His Word, declaring my sin is forgiven! Declaring from His Throne, "I have paid the Price, this one is Mine".

"Counsellor" you got questions? You need counsel? Folks there is only one place you can trust for truth, The Word of Truth; (Joh 17:13-17) **And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.** A wise pastor once told me, some one comes to you looking to you for spiritual advice, tell them to come to services, sit and listen, Keep coming, keep listening, God will answer your questions through the preaching of His Word!

"The mighty God, The everlasting Father" as we have seen already in John chapter 5, **"He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him"**.

Our last study was all about the mystery of God manifesting Himself in the form of flesh, but I want to make one more point about this!

(Joh 10:23-33) **And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch. Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly. Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me. But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.**

My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one. Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me? The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.

The fact He is God and cannot be thwarted, is the only peace a child of the most High has, He is God, He took our place and was condemned in our stead!

Brother Rick last night made the point, we were in Christ before the world was, we were in Christ when He walked this earth, we were in Christ when He was Crucified on that cross, we were in Him when God the Father raised His son from the dead, we are in Him now, as He sits on His Throne making intercession for us as our High Priest!

Child of God, hear His word and may the “**Prince of peace**”, another name given unto us, give you comfort in this valley of death we pass through!

Rom 3:24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is **in Christ Jesus:**

Rom 8:1-2 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are **in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life **in Christ** Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.**

Rom 8:38-39 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is **in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

2Co 2:14 Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ,

Eph 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

Folks we could spend a life time studying the names He fills, but for now I want to look at one more!

(Mat 13:54) And when he was come into his own country, he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, Whence hath this man this wisdom, and these mighty works? Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas? And his sisters, are they not all with us? Whence then hath this man all these thing.

I am not a very wise man, you can't even say I have street smarts about me, but the one who Loves me and gave Himself for me is all Wise! All knowing, all power, He is my wisdom, I don't need anything else, if God has purposed it, and He has purposed all things, then that's all the wisdom I need! I can trust He has it all under control!

Look with me at I Corinthians 2:6-10

Close with I Corinthians 1:29-31